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TO: Administration Committee and Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Request authorization to execute an MOU with the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority to include San Diego County into the Southern California Airport Demand Model

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize SCAG Staff to execute an MOU with the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority to accept funds of \$230,000 in order to include San Diego County into the Southern California Airport Demand Model.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG has contracted with SH&E to develop an Airport Demand Model for the SCAG Region. The goal of this effort is to develop a comprehensive airport model capable of forecasting air passenger travel demand and airport utilization. The Model will allocate the future demand to the Region's Airport system based on an airport's operational characteristics and the transportation ground access system. SCAG will use the Airport Model for aviation and ground transportation planning.

Given the considerable overlap and interaction between San Diego County's and SCAG's air passenger markets, the inclusion of San Diego County into the Model will benefit the airport planning efforts of both Regions. SCAG Staff contacted the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority to determine their level of interest in joining the project. The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority enthusiastically agreed to join the effort and will pay \$230,000 to SCAG for their proportional share of the costs to add San Diego County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority will pay SCAG \$230,000 to cover the costs of adding San Diego County into the Southern California Airport Demand Model. The funds will cover the proportional costs to develop the various model components and to create the model inputs for San Diego County. SCAG's funding and staff costs to manage the project are budgeted in the FY 2003-2004 Overall Work Plan.

